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PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BUKOVSKIY

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1. 1. UNDER THE HEADING "FOREIGN PRESS CRITICIZES
WHITE HOUSE ACTION", MARCH 4 PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA
CARRY A TASS ROUNDUP OF CRITICAL REACTIONS BY THE U.S.
AND FOREIGN PRESS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MEETING WITH
VLADIMIR BUKOVSKIY. IT NOTES THAT:

--DOUBTS AS TO THE WISDOM AND CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACTION
ARE BEING VOICED BY U.S. NEWSPAPERS WHICH ARE BY NO
MEANS FRIENDLY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION;

--THE U.S. POSITION IS HYPOCRITICAL, GIVEN U.S. FAILURE
TO PUT ITS OWN HOUSE IN ORDER OR TO TAKE FORTHRIGHT
ACTION AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY ITS FRIENDS
AND ALLIES (CHILE, SOUTH KOREA AND NICARAGUA BEING CITED
AS EXAMPLES);

--THE MAJORITY OF FOREIGN COMMENTATORS "CHARACTERIZE THE
POSITION TAKEN BY THE LEADERS OF THE PRESENT AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATION AS UNPRECEDENTED IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO
STATES".

2. FOREIGN REACTIONS CITED BY TASS INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

--REPUBLIKE (ITALIAN): AUTHORITATIVE U.S. COMMENTATORS
DO NOT CONCEAL CONCERN THAT THE DEVELOPING SITUATION
CAN GET OUT OF CONTROL AND BOOMERANG ON THE U.S. ITSELF;

--PAESE SERA (ITALIAN): THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION CAN HAVE
"POSSIBLE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES" ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELA-
TIONS;

--SANKEI SHIMBUN (JAPAN): A "STONE HAS BEEN THROWN" AT
SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS;

--TANYUG: IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRA-
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TION HOPES TO RECONCILE DETENTE WITH BUKOVSKIY'S RUDE
ATTACKS ON THIS POLICY;

--TIMES OF INDIA: IN THEIR TIME, PRESIDENT FORD AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER, IN THE NAME OF PRESERVING THE
ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION, REFUSED TO MAKE
AN ANALOGOUS GESTURE TOWARD THE RENEGADE SOLZHENITSYN.

--THE ROUNDUP CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THE U.S.
PRESS IS PUBLISHING STATEMENTS BY PROMINENT AMERICAN
PERSONALITIES POINTING OUT THE NECESSITY FOR U.S.-
SOVIET COLLABORATION IN SOLVING "PROBLEMS OF CONCERN
TO ALL HUMANITY", AND CITING SENATOR SPARKMAN'S DECLARA-
TION THAT "OUR BASIC GOAL . . . IS NOT CONFRONTATION BUT
DETENTE."

3. THE LATEST ISSUE OF ZA RUBEZHOM (NO. 10, MARCH 4-10)
REPRINTS AN ACIDLY ETCHED SATIRICAL STORY FROM THE CZECH PAPER
RUDE PRAVO ENTITLED "APPARITION IN THE WHITE HOUSE". INTRO-

DUCTORY EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ACTION "NOT ONLY ASTONISHED WORLD OPINION BUT GAVE RISE TO WELL-DESERVED SARCASTIC PRESS COMMENTS". RUDE PRAVO COMPARES BUKOVSKIY TO AN APPARITION IN A HAUNTED CASTLE GOING AROUND CLANKING ITS CHAINS. BUT THIS APPARITION EARNED ITS CHAINS BY COMMITTING CRIMES, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP IN A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND ANTI-SOVIET PROVOCATIONS--ACTIONS PUNISHABLE IN ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE U.S. "IS THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT REALLY THAT NAIVE, AND DOES HE REALIZE WHAT A DANGEROUS GAME HE IS PLAYING? UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HIS EVIL ADVISERS, THE PRESIDENT EVIDENTLY WISHES TO TURN HUMAN RIGHTS AS INTERPRETED BY BUKOVSKIY AND OTHER SABOTEURS INTO AN INSTRUMENT FOR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, THIS CAN END ONLY WITH HIS DEFEAT."

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4. COMMENT. THE USE OF FOREIGN SOURCES TO EXPRESS VIEWS HELD BY THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES IS.M, OF COURSE, A STANDARD TECHNIQUE. THE APPEARANCE OF THE RUDE PRAVO RACTION PROBABLY INDICATES MOSCOW'S INTENTION TO ORCHESTRATE A WARSAW PACT PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN.

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